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OF

THE LATE WONDERFUL  
AMERICAN VISION.

EXHIBITING

THE JUDGMENTS  
THAT MUST SHORTLY COME TO PASS.

ALSO,

AN ACCOUNT  
OF SOME REMARKABLE  
APPARITIONS.

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And it shall come to pass in the last Days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all Flesh: and your Sons and your Daughters shall prophesy; and your young Men shall see Visions, and your old Men shall dream Dreams.

ACTS, ii. 17.

Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against Nation, and Kingdom against Kingdom.

And great Earthquakes shall be in divers Places, and Famines, and Pestilences; and fearful Sights, and great Signs shall there be from Heaven.

LUKE, xxi. 10, 11.

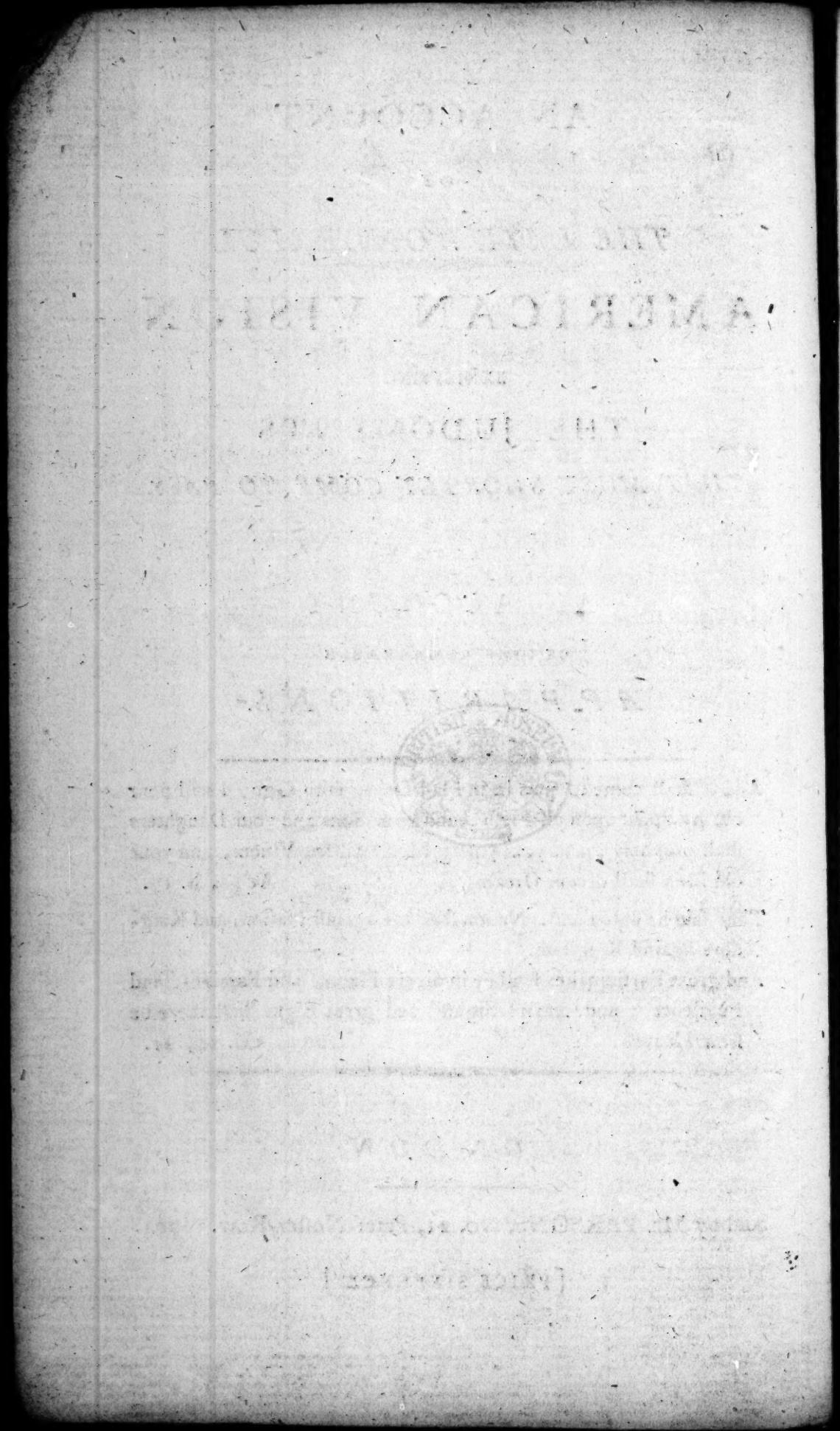
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**P R E F A C E.****TO THE READER.**

IT is evident by the writings contained in the Old and New Testaments, and by the testimonies of many good men and women, in the past and present ages, that the spirits of the invisible world have sometimes appeared to some of the inhabitants of this world, to make known the will of the Almighty, by the delivery of some important message, or as a token of some remarkable event.

The Almighty, who is a spirit, has sometimes made his appearance; for he appeared to Adam and Eve;—to Cain, to Noah, to Moses, &c. conversed with them, and gave them directions concerning matters of importance: And we have an account in the Scriptures of the appearance of angels, which are spirits; for three appeared to, and were entertained by Abraham; and two were sent to Sodom, to warn Lot to depart out of that place. And the angel of the Lord appeared unto Moses in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. At the

Resurrection of Christ an angel of the Lord appeared, whose countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow, and for fear of him the keepers did shake and become as dead men. See Matt. xxviii.

We have also an account of the appearance of some persons after they had been dead hundreds of years. Thus Moses and Elias appeared when Christ was transfigured. And it is said, Matt. xxvii. that there was a Resurrection at the time of his Crucifixion ; that the earth did quake, the rocks rent, the graves were opened, and many bodies of the Saints which slept arose, &c. went into the Holy City, and appeared to many.

Moreover, we have an account of the appearance of evil spirits, for the Devil appeared to Adam and Eve in Paradise, in the form of a serpent ; and the Witch of Endor raised up the Devil in the form of Samuel. It is said in the book of Job, that there was a day when the Sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them ; and when Christ was in the Wilderness, the Devil appeared to him, and offered him all the kingdoms of the world, to tempt him to fall down, and worship the Prince of Darkness.

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Now if the spirits of the invisible world appeared in ancient times, why may they not appear in these days? — Has not the Almighty the same power that he had in former ages? — Are not all the angels in Heaven, the spirits of just men made perfect, and the whole train of spirits in the infernal regions at his command? — And can he not send them to any part of the universe, and cause them to appear and deliver messages to whom he pleases? Is there any text in Sacred Writ, that informs us, that he has forbid their appearing in these modern ages? No, we have no such information; but, on the contrary, we are told, that in the latter days the young men shall see visions, and that the old men shall dream dreams. How absurd and ridiculous must it then be to affirm, that all revelation is ceased; that there is to be no more visions, nor any more appearances of angels, or good spirits? According to Divine Revelation, there are two kinds of spirits, or angels, viz. the good and the bad; the former guards and protects us, and prevents our doing the works of unrighteousness; and the latter leads us into temptation, and endeavours to make us do that which is evil. But if we resist the Devil he will

will flee\*. The Angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. See Psalm xxxiv. 7.

The Almighty has sometimes revealed his mind and will by visions, and sometimes by dreams. For instance,—"The word of the "Lord came unto Abram in a vision." See Gen. xv. 1.—"And the Angel of the Lord appeared unto Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, "take the young child and his mother, and "flee into Egypt, &c." See Matt. ii. 13.

Many other places of Sacred Writ corroborate this doctrine of the appearance of angels and spirits; and of their delivering messages by visions and dreams. But it is needless to mention them, as those already mentioned are sufficient.

In the subsequent pages there is an account of the late appearance of sundry remarkable things; and they that will not believe that such things have appeared, must disbelieve the Scriptures and the testimonies of persons of the best credit and reputation.

\* Satan himself is sometimes transformed into an angel of light: but by the law is the knowledge of sin. Hence, we may know a good spirit from a bad one; for if a spirit entice us to do evil, we may be assured it is from the Devil.

# VISION

AND it came to pass in the second month  
and upon the evening of the twenty-  
eighth day of the second month, that I stood  
upon the bank of a river; and lo! a light  
shined round about.

And a voice spake unto me, saying: "Na-  
"thaniel! Nathaniel!" and I answered and  
said, "Here am I."—And the voice spake  
again, saying, "Come up hither, and I will  
"shew thee the things that must shortly come  
to pass:"—Then I ascended, and there ap-  
peared a Man, clothed in white raiment! and  
behold a voice spake, saying, "Take thy pen,

“ and write the things that must shortly come to pass, and send them to the inhabitants of the world.”—Then I wrote the words that the voice uttered, which are as followeth :

“ Hearken all ye people, for great calamities are drawing near, by reason of your sins and iniquities !—and you will be visited with wars, famines, and pestilences.

“ And there shall appear in Heaven some fearful sights, as omens of distress and misery.

“ Fleets and armies in the air shall seem to fight ! and many strange things will be seen, denoting that some dreadful judgments are at hand !

“ Many great towns and cities, and other places, will be visited with thunder and earthquakes.

“ Inundations

“ Inundations will overwhelm the solid land,  
“ and there will be terrible tempests of wind,  
“ rain, and hail ! ”

“ The blast, frost, and insects, shall destroy  
“ the fruits of the earth.

“ Old Belzeebub shall deceive the people,  
“ and cause them to contend among them-  
“ selves, until they fight and kill one ano-  
“ ther.

“ Parents and children, brothers and bro-  
“ thers, shall go to war against each other.

“ And there shall be much slaughter and  
“ desolation, both at home and abroad.

“ The Savages shall fly to arms, and bring  
“ about another war in America, and carnage  
“ shall overspread the Western country.

“ The pinching hunger shall cause the In-  
“ dians to rob and steal ; and whilst men are  
“ asleep

“ asleep in their beds, their hens and turkies  
“ will be stole; the barns and stacks of grain  
“ robbed; the fat sheep, lambs, and hogs kil-  
“ led; and the horses, oxen, and cows, drove  
“ off.

“ Men and Women will be obliged to fly,  
“ both by night and by day.

“ These savage wretches shall kill with  
“ clubs and guns, a number of good people,  
“ demolish the buildings, and desolate the  
“ country in many places.

“ But the White People will go to war  
“ against the Indians, with fifes, drums, and  
“ guns; some of the murderers will be killed,  
“ and others drove off.

“ And the nations in other parts of the  
“ world shall go to war, and destroy towns  
“ and cities,

“ They

“ They will kill one another like roaring lions, and the wild beasts of prey.

“ And whilst the sky is rent with the beating of drums, the clashing of arms, and the roaring of cannon, men will rush forward in battle, and trample upon them that shall be slain upon the hills and vallies, and on the level ground, which will be stained with blood.

“ During the time of the war, the pestilence shall be sent in many places, and the famine shall destroy numbers of the human race, and many shall die both upon the land and water.

“ These judgments shall be sent to punish transgressors, whose conduct will disgrace the human race. But wars and fightings will continue until the fall of mystical Babylon.”

# THE VISION

VERSIFIED.

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**H**ARK ! hark ! ye people, fore calamities  
Are drawing nigh. Your great iniquities  
Will bring upon you that just recompence  
Of war and famine, with the pestilence.  
Some fearful fights in Heaven there shall be,  
As omens of distress and misery.  
Fleets in the clouds, and armies in the air,  
Shall seem to fight, a fight that's very rare :  
And on this Globe strange things will soon appear,  
Denoting that some dreadful thing is near !  
The Lord on High, with thunder and earthquake,  
Sometimes will make the towns and cities shake.  
And inundations, by his mighty hand,  
Will greatly overwhelm the solid land !  
Strong winds shall blow, the rattling hail shall  
fall,  
And do much damage on this earthly ball !  
The blast, the frost, and insects shall abound,  
And hurt the things upon the tilled ground.

Old

Old Belzeebub shall, from the pit of Hell,  
 Deceive the men, who on the earth do dwell :  
 Amongst themselves he will make them fall out,  
 Until a bloody war is brought about.  
 Fathers and sons, you really may depend,  
 And brothers too, so warmly will contend,  
 That wars within, and wars without shall be,  
 Practised with great inhumanity.

The distant nations shall both fight and roar,  
 And greatly stain the land with purple gore.  
 And cruel savages will come afar,  
 And bring about another bloody war.  
 Destruction, therefore, will be drawing nigh,  
 When they again unto their arms do fly ;  
 Then carnage with a very mighty hand,  
 Shall overspread the occidental land.  
 The pinching hunger shall cause them, indeed,  
 To rob and steal when they do stand in need.  
 And as men sleep within the silent doors,  
 The hens and turkies will be stole by scores.  
 Barns shall be robb'd, also the frontier stacks ;  
 The wheat mov'd off upon the Indians backs.

They'll

They'll kill the sheep, the lambs, the fatted  
swine ;

Drive off the horses, oxen, and the kine.

Cause men and women to be put to flight,

At high noon day, and in the silent night ;

The bloody wretches, with their clubs and guns,

Shall kill good wives, good daughters, and good  
sons.

Lay buildings level with the solid ground,

And desolate the country all around.

Such things as these will rouse the injur'd sons

To go to war with fifes, with drums, and guns ;

And in a hostile, or a martial fray,

To kill, or drive the murd'ring thieves away.

Some other men, to gratify their lust,

Shall level towns and cities with the dust :

Like roaring lions, and wild beasts of prey,

They'll take the lives of wretched men away :

When the drums beat, and when the loud alarms

Of the shrill thunder, of the clang of arms,

Shall rend the sky, as rumbling cannons roar,

And men rush forward in the bloody gore ;

O'er them who in the battles shall be slain,

On the rough ground, and on the level plain.

Whilst

Whilst war goes on, the pestilence also  
 From place to place within the land shall go ;  
 The famine too shall keep its horrid pace,  
 And sweep off numbers of the human race.

These Judgments sent by an *Almighty hand*,  
 Shall cut down thousands on the sea and land :  
 But the chief cause for which they shall proceed,  
 Will be men's breaking of the laws indeed :  
 In gratifying of their stubborn will  
 When, like mad brutes, they their own kind do  
 kill.

Such things as these will be a great disgrace  
 Unto the much-deluded human race ;  
 But they'll continue on this earthly ball,  
 Until that mystic Babylon shall fall.

F I N I S.

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AN ACCOUNT  
OF SOME LATE REMARKABLE  
APPARITIONS.

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A Woman who lived in Rhode-Island, in America, whilst on her death-bed, and just before she expired, expressed a great desire of seeing her only son, who was then at sea, near the West Indies, and of delivering to him a message. She informed the bye-standers what she wanted to say to her son, and died immediately. About that instant she appeared to him, as he was standing at helm, it being bright moonshine. She first appeared on the shrouds, and delivered her message; and afterwards walked over some casks that lay on the deck, then returned to the shrouds, and descended to the water, where she floated some time, and at last sunk, till she wholly disappeared. He set down the time that she appeared with the message that she had delivered, and found on his arrival at Rhode-Island, that she died according

cording to his expectation, about the instant that she appeared ; and that the words she spake to him corresponded exactly with those delivered to the bye-standers. He went to sea afterwards, and was drowned. Perhaps her appearing to him, and sinking in the water, was a forerunner not only of her own, but of his death.

A young woman, who lived on the north-side of Long-Island, in the State of New-York, with a magistrate, went on a visit about 18 miles to the south side of the Island ; and whilst she was absent, she appeared with a candle in her hand to the magistrate and his wife, as they were in bed. The magistrate spake to her, asked if she had got home, and she vanished immediately. She returned home in a short time afterwards, and was taken ill of a fever, and died in a few days.

A Reverend Divine, who had lived in the Massachusetts, and had entertained an opinion for more than fifty years, that such things never did appear, being one day in his garden, saw his own apparition, ran into his house in a great surprize, told his family what he had seen, that he was then convinced of his former

error, and that he should live but a few days ; his words proved true, for he died in a short time.

I heard a Preacher affirm before his congregation, that about the year 1782, he and his family were ill of a fever ; that himself was under a great dejection of spirit, as he despaired of a recovery ; that whilst he remained in that condition, an angel of the Lord descended from Heaven, and appeared to him in the room where he was ill, and comforted him by singing a hymn, and by telling him to be of good cheer, for he and his family would all recover, which came to pass. This Preacher was called a man of veracity, a sober, honest, and upright Christian.

A young man, who had been murdered in England, by having his skull broke, appeared to his brother at Boston, in New-England ; not far from the time that the murder was committed. It was about six o'clock in the morning, the brother was in bed, but wide awake ; the apparition opened the curtain at the foot of the bed, and stared his brother in the face ; who being much surprised, could not speak for some time ;

time; at last he said, "Brother, what is the matter with you?"—The answer was, "I am basely murdered by \_\_\_\_\_, but I shall have justice done me," and then disappeared. He had a napkin cap on his head, which was very bloody, and he looked very pale and ghastly. The young man wrote to his friend in England, informing, that he had seen his brother's apparition, and desiring to know if he was living. It was found by the date of the letter, that the apparition was seen about the time the murder was committed.

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